

Her boss at the EPA at the time was Gina McCarthy. Guess where she is now—in the White House. She, again, will be Janet McCabe's boss in the White House, dictating from there.

During her time at the EPA before, she didn't listen, she wouldn't come to West Virginia, and she basically showed very little interest in what happens to the people most deeply affected by the policies that she put forward.

So given her past actions and present statements, I cannot support someone who would work to destroy a State's economy, such as ours was destroyed, and our communities and their livelihoods.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today to urge our colleagues to join me in voting for cloture on the nomination of Janet McCabe to serve as Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Running an Agency like the EPA requires that person to work with and serve people regardless of their political persuasion. Some people strive to be bipartisan. Janet McCabe has a proven record of being bipartisan. That is one of the reasons why nine former EPA Deputy Administrators and Administrators support her nomination, including four Republicans who served in the Reagan, the George H.W. and the George W. Bush administrations.

Janet has served as a senior EPA manager. She is a pragmatic and a good listener. That trait comes in no small part from her Hoosier background and the time that she spent with pragmatic people who will do the right thing if they understand what is needed. That is what Janet McCabe will bring with her to the role of Deputy Administrator at EPA, if confirmed. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting yes on this nomination.

I yield.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 54, Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Charles E. Schumer, Thomas R. Carper, Ron Wyden, Jack Reed, Benjamin L. Cardin, Patrick J. Leahy, Michael F. Bennet, Tim Kaine, Christopher Murphy, Richard J. Durbin, Cory A. Booker, Martin Heinrich, Chris Van Hollen, Edward J. Markey, Sherrod Brown, Bernard Sanders, Robert P. Casey, Jr., Richard Blumenthal.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SHELBY).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) would have voted "nay".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 168 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hirono	Sanders
Booker	Kaine	Schatz
Brown	Kelly	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cardin	Klobuchar	Sinema
Carper	Leahy	Smith
Casey	Lujan	Stabenow
Collins	Markey	Tester
Coons	Menendez	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warner
Duckworth	Murkowski	Warnock
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Feinstein	Murray	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Wyden
Grassley	Padilla	
Hassan	Peters	

NAYS—42

Barrasso	Graham	Moran
Blackburn	Hagerty	Portman
Boozman	Hawley	Risch
Braun	Hoeven	Romney
Burr	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Capito	Inhofe	Sasse
Cassidy	Johnson	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Sullivan
Cotton	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	Lummis	Toomey
Daines	Manchin	Tuberville
Ernst	Marshall	Wicker
Fischer	McConnell	Young

NOT VOTING—6

Blunt	Paul	Scott (FL)
Cramer	Rounds	Shelby

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 42.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Janet Garvin McCabe, of Indiana, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

RECESS

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:51 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled

when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Ms. SINEMA).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma.

NOMINATION OF COLIN HACKETT KAHL

Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, I come to the floor today to urge my colleagues strongly to vote against the nomination of Colin Kahl to serve as Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. That position is the No. 3 position in the Department of Defense.

Last week, Colin Kahl became President Biden's first nominee not to garner one single Republican vote on the Senate floor. The Vice President had to cast the tie-breaking vote. Every other nominee, even some of the most partisan progressives, earned at least one or some Republican votes.

What makes this nomination even more out of the ordinary is that this truly never happens with DOD nominees. If you look back over the last decade, recorded votes on DOD nominees are rare and only a few times did a nominee receive support from fewer than two-thirds of the Senate. It just doesn't happen. It happened this time.

Some of his tweets have raised concerns from a number of our colleagues that Dr. Kahl might have shared sensitive or classified information on Twitter. The junior Senator from Tennessee highlighted this on the floor last week.

Furthermore, Dr. Kahl's tweets also show a history of volatile behavior that goes further than just being highly partisan and unbalanced. He is also somewhat of a conspiracy theorist.

In May of 2018, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced that Israel had seized a major nuclear archive from Iran. That archive has since revealed many previously unknown nuclear sites, and the International Atomic Energy Agency is working to gain access to inspect these sites today, thanks to Israel's discovery.

But what did Dr. Kahl say about Israel's discovery at that time? He was skeptical, and he added: "This sure has an eerie pre-2003 Iraqi vibe to it." In other words, rather than being alarmed about the fact that Iran had many undeclared nuclear sites, Dr. Kahl alleged that Israel was trying to goad America into war.

Somehow, for Dr. Kahl the problem is never Iran or the weak 2015 Iran deal that didn't cover the nuclear sites that Israel revealed. He wants to give Iran massive sanctions relief to return to that deal. No, for Dr. Kahl the problem is Israel, especially when our Israeli friends reveal information about Iran's nefarious behavior.

Again, this isn't about a policy disagreement. This is about whether Dr. Kahl is someone who can accept facts, even when those facts undercut his policy preferences.

National security is a bipartisan priority. It always has been and always